

DRAFT**Mansfield Board of Education
Special Meeting June 23, 2015
Minutes**

Attendees:	Randy Walikonis, Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary (by phone), Susannah Everett, John Fratiello, Sarah Lacombe, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Kathy Ward
Excused:	Jay Rueckl

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mr. Walikonis

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of New Superintendent: Mr. Walikonis reported the Search Committee has chosen a candidate for the vacant position. Motion by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Lacombe, to appoint Kelly Lyman, Superintendent of Schools. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Board of Education 2015-2016 Budget: Dr. Kisiel recommended to meet the \$117,400 reduction set by the Town Council following the Town Referendum on June 16, 2015, the Board reduce expenditures in the salary line due to salary savings in filling vacancies by \$62,000; reduce the full time paraeducators in the kindergarten classrooms to half time for a reduction of \$55,400. However, if no additional teacher is need as determined by an enrollment count in our elementary schools by mid to late August, use the contingency funds to reinstate the kindergarten paraeducators. Discussion and questions by Board members followed. Motion by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Everett, to reduce the salary lines for classroom instruction – certified by \$62,000 and to reduce the salary lines for paraeducators by \$55,400. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Everett to adjourn at 6:24pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk